

## MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

### **There were present the following Officers and Directors:**

#### **PRESENT:**

Kurt Sorenson, President-Sevier County  
Blaine Ipson, Vice President-Millard County  
Ivan Cowley, Director-Sevier County  
Clyde L. Bunker, Director-Millard County  
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County  
Delin Roundy-Garfield County  
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

#### **ABSENT:**

Afton Blood, Director-Piute County

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner  
Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner  
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights  
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights  
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by President Kurt Sorenson who presided at the meeting. Clyde Bunker gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2004 were read and discussed. Ivan Cowley moved to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

Ray Owens gave a summary of the reservoirs along with the inflows into Otter Creek and Piute Reservoirs. He reported on the snow pack and flows at Sevier River near Kington. He reported on that the SWSU as of January 2005 is 0 on a scale of -4 to 4

Jim Walker reported on Sevier Bridge Reservoir compared to last year. We have made about 7,000 a.f. more this year compared to last year. We should be around 60,000 a.f. on April 1. With about 20,000 a.f. from Piute we will be close to making the first priority. Jim suggested that water be turned down from Piute as soon as possible. Ray noted that a new collection box was being installed at Piute Reservoir so it would be a week or two before water could be released.

Lee Sim presented a hand out outlining legislation that could affect the water rights. Most dealt with

penalties and the administrative rules act. The proposed changes deals mostly with penalties and speeding up the process to deal with issues on over diverting water and speeding up the process to stop those people.

John Larsen discussed to expenditures report. He noted that cash had increased from \$32,301.11 to 76,546.46. There is \$7,325.18 in delinquent assessments. After discussion, Blaine Ipson moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

The board worked through the budget for the upcoming season. The Commissioners were excused to discuss their wages. Lee Sim noted that a wage increase had been given in each of the last five years. After a lengthy discussion, Russell Christensen moved to retain the commissioners at the same wage. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed with Mr. Christensen, Mr. Bunker and Mr. Cowley voting in favor and Mr. Ipson and Mr. Roundy opposed. Clyde Bunker moved to change to mileage rate be change to 41.5 cents to match what is allowed for federal income tax purposes with the total budget amounts for travel being set at \$15,000 and \$11,300 for Commissioner Owens and Walker. The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

Blaine Ipson moved to set the total budget at \$210,754 with the total assessment at 185,000. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

Upon returning to the meeting, each commissioner was asked if they would accept the continued position of commissioners. Both stated they would. Clyde Bunker moved to recommend to the State that the two commissioner and deputy commissioner be rehired by the State. The motion was seconded by Russell Christensen and passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the cable and other parts involved with the cable way at the station below Piute Reservoir. Lee noted that the USGS won't cooperate due to concerns over liability.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. with the annual meeting being scheduled at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**

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**President**